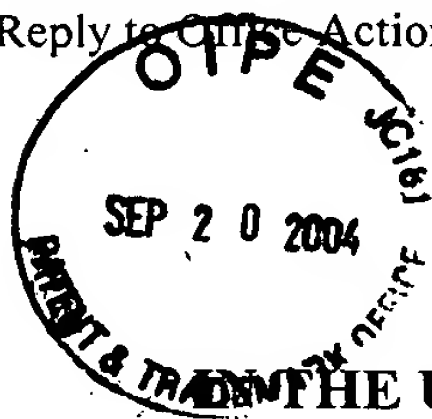


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No Amendments to the Claims are being made in this response. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant has included a complete listing of the pending claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.